

## Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 10/11/17, 9am - 11am  
Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 625



### Next Meeting

Wednesday, 1/10/18, 9am - 11am  
Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 625

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### ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Mary Peveto, Ralph Mastromonaco, David Heslam, Kimberlee Stafford (phone), Ryan Vanden Brink (phone)

### MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP / STAFF / PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT

John Wasiutynski, Tim Lynch, Sam Baraso, Sara Mihm (Office of Sustainability), Hayden Miller (Office of Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson), Jae Douglas (Environmental Health, phone)

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### ACTION ITEMS

- **John Wasiutynski:**
  - To create a shared document for ACSI that includes bullet point list of topics and content for the 2017 ACSI Letter to the Board
- **Tim Lynch:**
  - Post link to the Journey to 100% forum to the FMYI page, as well direct invitations to ACSI via email.
  - Share equity and peak pricing article.
  - Explore video conferencing and/or GoTo meeting for increasing participation.
- **Sam Baraso:**
  - Reach out to current members with expiring terms about whether they wish to have their terms extended, and will initiate a recruitment strategy in October. ACSI input and recommendations for future members is highly encouraged.

### INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **John Wasiutynski** shared:
  - Bradford McKeown has moved to Seattle and is no longer on ACSI.
  - The second Journey to 100% forum will focus on equity, and is set to take place on Monday, 10/23 in the Multnomah Building Board Room. Lunch will be provided.
- **Mary Peveto** shared that she is in process of working with EPA to host community capacity building workshops to support additional public engagement in public processes, including providing public comments on Cleaner Air Oregon. First workshop was well attended. Questions remain on the ongoing funding of the program.

### REVIEW AND APPROVE JULY 2017 MEETING MINUTES

- Delayed due to lack of quorum at this meeting, so will appear as an agenda item during the upcoming retreat.

### ACSI CHAIR ELECTION

- Delayed due to lack of quorum at this meeting, so will appear as an agenda item during the upcoming retreat.

### PROGRESS UPDATE: 2016 ACSI LETTER TO THE BOARD

- **Comprehensive diesel legislation:** Exploring local options for regulation.
- **VW settlement dollars:** \$28 of \$50 million allocated by legislature to school buses, but a proposal to use up to 15% for electric vehicle charging infrastructure is being considered, which raises concern for Multnomah County.
- **Protect local authority to protect public health from air toxics:** Work is ongoing and completed in early 2018.
- **State energy building codes:** Governor to release residential building code executive order by November 2017, but doesn't address commercial building codes. If state opts to adopt the federal minimum commercial building

codes in 2018 (per federal requirement), no chance for meaningful progress until 2021. David suggests changing the ACSI letter item from 2016 to focus on commercial building codes. Depending on what is in/if it is released, ACSI should support the Governor's Executive Order or call for an even stronger position.

- **"Outcome Broker" position** has not yet been funded and the discussion is still in progress.
- **Affordable housing green building policy:** Will be brought in front of City Council next week for information discussion and a vote will take place on the October 25th, with the intent that Portland Housing Bureau will have a new green building policy in place to guide the use of affordable housing bond funds in 2018.
- **Woodsmoke regulation:** County is focused on finalizing curtailment program, and has not yet initiated the inventory portion. Environmental Health is working on an ordinance that will establish residential wood burning prohibition when necessary. Ordinance includes commercial business that burn wood for ambience, but does not limit commercial wood burning for cooking and other commercial uses.

## TOP PRIORITIES FOR 2017 ACSI LETTER TO THE BOARD

- Transportation
  - Potential subcommittee meeting regarding freeway widening.
  - **Tim Lynch** suggested that having **Commissioner Vega Pederson's** input on a variety of transportation projects would be productive.
  - Trimet's bus electrification is a priority advocacy point for **Commissioner Vega Pederson**.
  - There was a consensus that the letter include a statement around prioritizing congestion pricing.
- Air quality
  - Continued advocacy for health-based, cumulative risk, air quality standard in Cleaner Air Oregon.
  - Emphasize commitment to local solutions, re-emphasize the County's commitment to local action, collaboration with the City of Portland and other local partners
  - Opportunity to reinforce the wood smoke ordinance and alongside put some emphasis and partnerships with business, other community partners
  - Invest in Health Department - Environmental Health research capacity to make the case for action on AQ.
  - Continued advocacy for a strong diesel bill in the legislature.
  - Statement calling for prioritizing use of VW settlement funding in high impact corridors/communities, and expressing concern for use of funds for vehicle electrification outside of those areas.
- Climate/energy
  - Ensuring a strong EJ focus in Clean Energy Jobs
  - Working to maximize local community benefits in achievement of the 100 by 50 renewable energy policy.

## ACSI RETREAT, NEXT STEPS, MEETING EVALUATION, ADJOURN

- To be held on Wednesday, 11/1/17 from 2:30pm - 5pm, at Tonkon Torp, 888 SW 5th Ave #1600, Portland, OR 97204 (Kimberlee's office). Park at the Smart Park lot on 4th at Yamhill and Tonkon Torp can validate the parking ticket.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

- **Climate and Energy**
  - Sub-committee focused on the topics discussed in the 2017 ACSI letter topic area, including equitable cap & invest policy, transportation advocacy. Sub-committee also discussed the County/City 100% renewable energy by 2050 commitment, including how it will be implemented.
- **Air Quality**
  - Sub-committee conversation closely aligned with the earlier discussion of the 2017 ACSI letter.
- **Environmental Justice Resolution**
  - Hayden and Sam have been meeting with County departments (Assets, Roads, Government Affairs, Health, Environmental Health, Emergency Management, etc.), to discuss environmental justice concepts, and to find out how they integrate environmental justice principles in their work. Additional internal conversations are ongoing to discover opportunities to advance this work. Timeline: Early 2018 to design what the framework of the environmental justice resolution will look like, bringing it to Board potentially later in 2018.